Subject = Collection of ancient Chinese coins

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The American Numismatic Society

Broadway between 155th. and 156th. St.

New York City.

Dear Sirs:

This is an inquiry concerning your collection of Ancient Chinese Coins. Since my father, Dr. Percy T. Watson, has spent some twenty-five years in China collecting he has been able to accumulate quite a collection. It now probably contains as many, if not more, than the Stewart-Lockhart Collection. We are now seeking to dispose of all of it or by parts. We might be able to make some additions to your own. Hence would you be as kind as to give us the name of your present curator and especiallly the name and address of the person in charge of the Oriental Section?

We would be very grateful for information concerning membership, to the Society, subscription to the magazine, and advertising rates.

Yours very truly,

William W. Watson

July 11, 1935.

Mr. William W. Watson
111 Maple Avenue
Northfield, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have here probably the largest collection of ancient Chinese coins in the world. Our whole collection numbers over 35,000 including both old and new. We have somewhat over 2000 Ming knife coins and some 1200 Pu coins besides all the other forms. We are weak, however, in the very modern coins and are especially interested in the coins issued for and in the outlying districts of China, especially Chinese-Turkestan, Mongolia and Tibet, both ancient and modern. If you have any of the items that we have mentioned we would be glad to see them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator